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C O N F I D E N T I A L LILONGWE 1483

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM, PINT, PFOR, MI, US
SUBJECT: STATUS OF DETAINEE BERNARD HARAWA

REF: A. STATE 309503 B. LILONGWE 1465 C. STATE 308527

1. SINCE SENDING REFTEL B, EMBASSY HAS BEEN ENDEAVORING TO GET OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF HARAWA RELEASE FROM DETENTION FROM SOURCES IN POLICE, UNIVERSITY AND OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT. POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN ZOMBA HAS NOT BEEN FORTHCOMING AND WE SUSPECT THEY UNDER STRICT ORDERS TO REVEAL NO INFORMATION ON RECENT RELEASE OF DETAINEES. UNIVERSITY VICE-CHANCELLOR HAS HAD NO REPORT OF HARAWA RELEASE OR CONTACT WITH HIM BUT PROMISED TO CHECK AND GET BACK TO US IN CASE HE HEARS ANYTHING POSITIVE. OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT IS CHECKING ON REPORT AND HAS PROMISED TO INFORM AMBASSADOR AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

2. THUS, FOR MOMENT WE UNABLE TO CONFIRM HARAWA RELEASE BUT WILL CONTINUE TO TRY AND WILL INFORM DEPARTMENT AS INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.

3. IF RELEASE MATERIALIZES AS WE HOPE, AMBASSADOR WOULD BE PREPARED SEEK THROUGH MINISTRY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, GOM CONSENT TO HARAWA'S DEPARTURE FOR US. AMBASSADOR WOULD PREFER MAKE SUCH DEMARCHE WITH PHYSICIAN'S STATEMENT MENTIONED REFTEL C IN HAND.

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4. SHOULD EMBASSY DEMARCHE LEAD TO HARAWA BEING ALLOWED TO DEPART FOR US, CASE WILL POSSIBLY NEED TO BE EXPEDITED. HERE IS PAST CASE HISTORY. HARAWA ISSUED IV NO. 976723 ON JULY 15, 1971 AND I-151 NO. 5256386 ON SAME DATE. HE OBTAINED REENTRY PERMIT SOMETIME IN JUNE, 1974 UPON DEPARTURE FROM US AND RENEWED SUCH PERMIT AT EMBASSY BLANTYRE ON JUNE 4, 1975.

POSSIBILITIES INCLUDE REISSUING IV AFTER RECEIVING NEW IMMEDIATE
RELATIVE PETITION, QUALIFICATION AS A SPECIAL IMMIGRANT (RETURNING
RESIDENT), A WAIVER OF NEED FOR VALID I-151 OR REENTRY PERMIT.
IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HARAWA MAY NOT BE ALLOWED A MALAWI PASSPORT OR
OTHER TRAVEL DOCUMENT AND THAT NORMAL POLICE CLEARANCE MAY BE
IMPOSSIBLE. PLEASE ADVISE CONSOFF OF MOST EXPEDITIOUS MANNER IN
WHICH ENTRANCE INTO US MIGHT BE ARRANGED.
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